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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **TITLE I—CIVIL WAR BATTLE-**
2 **FIELD OF CORINTH, MIS-**
3 **SISSIPPI**

4 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

5 *This title may be cited as the “Corinth, Mississippi,*
6 *Battlefield Act of 1994”.*

7 **SEC. 102. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

8 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—*

9 *(1) the 14 sites located in the vicinity of Corinth,*
10 *Mississippi, that were designated as a National His-*
11 *toric Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in*
12 *1991 represent nationally significant events in the*
13 *Siege and Battle of Corinth during the Civil War;*
14 *and*

15 *(2) the Landmark sites should be preserved and*
16 *interpreted for the benefit, inspiration, and education*
17 *of the people of the United States.*

18 *(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to provide*
19 *for a center for the interpretation of the Siege and Battle*
20 *of Corinth and other Civil War actions in the region and*
21 *to enhance public understanding of the significance of the*
22 *Corinth Campaign in the Civil War relative to the Western*
23 *theater of operations, in cooperation with State or local gov-*
24 *ernmental entities and private organizations and individ-*
25 *uals.*

1 **SEC. 103. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN**
2 **INTERPRETIVE CENTER.**

3 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*The Secretary of the Interior*
4 *(hereinafter in this title referred to as the “Secretary”)* *is*
5 *authorized to provide for an interpretive center (hereinafter*
6 *in this title referred to as the “center”)* *in the vicinity of*
7 *the Corinth Battlefield in the State of Mississippi for the*
8 *purpose of interpreting the 1862 Civil War Siege and Battle*
9 *of Corinth.*

10 (b) *PLAN AND DESIGN.*—*(1) Within 18 months after*
11 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, after*
12 *consultation with the Governor of Mississippi and in co-*
13 *operation with such other public, municipal, and private*
14 *entities as may be necessary and appropriate, shall com-*
15 *plete a plan and design for the center, including the follow-*
16 *ing:*

17 (A) *A detailed description of the design of the fa-*
18 *cility.*

19 (B) *A description of the site.*

20 (C) *The method of acquisition.*

21 (D) *The estimated cost of acquisition, construc-*
22 *tion, operation and maintenance.*

23 (E) *The manner and extent to which non-Fed-*
24 *eral entities shall participate in the acquisition, con-*
25 *struction, operation, and maintenance of the center.*

1 (2) *In the development of the plan and design for the*
2 *center the Secretary shall take into consideration the battle-*
3 *field protection plan prepared for the city of Corinth, Mis-*
4 *issippi and the Siege and Battle of Corinth Task Force,*
5 *and shall provide an opportunity for public comment.*

6 (3) *Upon completion, the Secretary shall submit the*
7 *plan to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House*
8 *of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natu-*
9 *ral Resources of the Senate.*

10 (c) *IMPLEMENTATION.—In order to implement the*
11 *plan and design under subsection (b) of this section, the*
12 *Secretary is authorized to acquire lands and interests in*
13 *lands by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated*
14 *funds, or exchange for the construction of the center author-*
15 *ized in subsection (a), provided that such lands or interest*
16 *therein shall only be acquired with the consent of the owner*
17 *thereof. Federal funds to carry out this section may only*
18 *be expended on a two-for-one matching basis with non-Fed-*
19 *eral funds, services, materials, or lands, fairly valued as*
20 *determined by the Secretary, or any combination thereof.*

21 (d) *AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CENTER.—Before undertaking the construc-*
22 *tion of the center, the Secretary shall enter into a binding*
23 *agreement with a qualified non-Federal entity for convey-*
24 *ance by deed or lease from the Secretary of any structure*
25

1 *or property acquired and developed as provided for by this*
 2 *Act. Any such agreement shall provide that—*

3 *(1) the non-Federal entity agree to operate and*
 4 *maintain the center and make no major alteration of*
 5 *the structure or grounds without the express written*
 6 *authorization of the Secretary;*

7 *(2) a plan of operations shall be submitted that*
 8 *is satisfactory to the Secretary;*

9 *(3) the Secretary shall have access to documents*
 10 *relating to the operation and maintenance of the cen-*
 11 *ter;*

12 *(4) the Secretary shall have the right of access to*
 13 *the center; and*

14 *(5) the United States shall be held harmless from*
 15 *all events arising from the operation and mainte-*
 16 *nance of the center.*

17 *(e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR TECHNICAL AS-*
 18 *SISTANCE.—The Secretary may enter into cooperative*
 19 *agreements with the State of Mississippi, the city of Cor-*
 20 *inth, and other public or private entities to provide tech-*
 21 *nical assistance with respect to the center.*

22 **SEC. 104. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 *There is authorized to be appropriated not more than*
 24 *\$6,000,000 to carry out this title.*

1 ***TITLE II—STONES RIVER***
2 ***NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD***

3 ***SEC. 201. EXPANSION OF BATTLEFIELD.***

4 *Section 1(a) of the Act entitled “An Act to amend the*
5 *boundaries of Stones River National Battlefield, Tennessee,*
6 *and for other purposes”, approved December 23, 1987 (101*
7 *Stat. 1433; 16 U.S.C. 426n) is amended by striking “num-*
8 *bered 327/80,004B, and dated November 1991” and insert-*
9 *ing “, numbered 327/80,011, and dated May 1994”.*

 Passed the Senate November 17 (legislative day, November 2), 1993.

Attest:

WALTER J. STEWART,
Secretary.